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## Congress is Investigating CIA

WASHINGTON - For the first time since the super-secret Central Intelligence Agency was established more than 10 years ago, it is being thoroughly scrutinized by a special congressional committee.

Two main objectives of this highly significant un-announced inquiry are:

- To ascertain how efficiently CIA is doing its supremely important job.

- To learn how the intelligence that is obtained is being used by the White House, Defense Department, State Department and other government agencies.

CIA, whose director is Allen Dulles, brother of ailing Secretary John Foster Dulles, is the only agency in the entire federal government whose budget has never been disclosed.



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THIS HUSH-HUSH budget has been estimated by authoritative congressional sources between \$300,000,000 and \$5,000,000,000 annually.

Representative Paul Kilday (D., Tex.) is conducting this unprecedented inquiry. One of the ablest and most experienced military au-

thorities in Congress, Kilday is chairman of seven-member subcommittee set up specially for this purpose. It was created by Representative Carl Vinson (D., Ga.), long-time head of the House Armed Services Committee.

Concerned over mounting congressional criticism of both CIA operations and the utilization of its intelligence, Vinson decided on an inquiry that would be comprehensive and detailed, but without publicity. He prevailed on Kilday to undertake this private study with the following:

Representatives Charles Bennett (D., Fla.), George Huddleston (D., Ala.), A. Paul Kitch (D., N. C.), James Van Zandt (R., Pa.), Bob Wilson (R., Calif.), Frank Osmers (R., N. J.)

SO FAR these interrogations have been confined to Director Dulles and other CIA officials. Following the conclusion of their testimony, a number of "outside" authorities will be heard, foremost among them:

General Omar Bradley, former head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Admiral Arthur Radford, one-time head of the Joint Chiefs; General W. Bedell Smith, former CIA director; former Secretary of State Dean Acheson; Senator Stuart Symington (D., Mo.), leading critic of Administration missile and rocket policies; Representative George Mahon (D., Tex.), head of the House Appropriations Subcommittee in charge of the military budget.